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RATE METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

The January 15, 2008, Notice of Allowance includes a Statement of Reasons for Allowance, which quotes language only found in claim 1. This language is not found in claim 17. In particular, it is noted that the language of claim 1 is directed to an apparatus, while claim 17 is directed to a method. The Applicants believe that it is clear that claim 17 was allowed for the language recited therein, and not for the reasons noted in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance that appear to apply to claims 1-3.

Respectfully submitted,

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